

## The NREMT Announces Plan to Incorporate the Revised AHA Guidelines on NREMT Exams

The NREMT recognizes that the EMS community is in a transition period as medical directors, EMS agencies, EMS educational programs, and States implement the 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care. In conjunction with this transition, the NREMT will be revising examinations as follows:

- After June 1, 2006 the NREMT will publish interim pencil-and-paper EMT-Basic and First Responder Exams. After September 1, 2006 the NREMT will publish interim Paramedic, EMT-Intermediate (85 and 99) Exams. The interim examinations will be constructed so that candidates will not be penalized for being trained over *either* 2000 or 2005 AHA Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care.
- After January 1, 2007 all NREMT cognitive and psychomotor exams will reflect 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Emergency Cardiovascular Care.
- During the transition period, practical exam skill sheets will continue to reflect 2000 guidelines; however instructions to examiners will be modified so that candidates correctly performing to 2005 guidelines are not penalized.

This transition plan is predicated on assumption that the American Heart Association releases educational materials supporting the new guidelines as scheduled and may be modified if the AHA changes the scheduled release time for educational materials.